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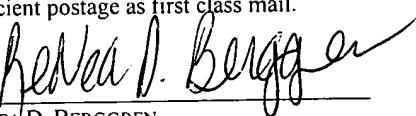
In re application of : Keith W. Holt
Serial No. : 10/085,929
Filed : February 28, 2002
Art Unit : 2133
Examiner : Lamarre, Guy J.
Title : OPTIMIZED READ PERFORMANCE METHOD USING
METADATA TO PROTECT AGAINST DRIVE ANOMOLY
ERRORS IN A STORAGE ARRAY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2004

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DATED: February 3, 2005

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2004, for which the three month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on February 3, 2005. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.